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Jury Finds James Felton Williams Guilty of First Degree Injury to a Child
Defendant sentenced to 50 years and 40 years on two cases

- WHAT:** In the case of the *State vs. James Felton Williams*, tried in the 291st Judicial District Court, the Honorable Judge Susan Hawk presiding, a jury found the defendant James Felton Williams, guilty in two cases of first degree Injury to a Child Serious Bodily Injury. Mr. Williams was sentenced to 50 years and 40 years (to run concurrently) in the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) for the two cases. The lead prosecutor on the case from the Dallas County District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Division was Reynie Tinajero.
- WHEN:** The jury's verdict was handed down on February 14, 2008. The trial began on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.
- WHERE:** Frank Crowley Courts Building
133 N. Industrial Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75207
- BACKGROUND:** Defendant James Felton Williams was charged with injuring both of his girlfriend's children on June 27, 2006. The defendant abused the children as he babysat them while their mother worked. At the time of the abuse, the children were six months old (boy) and 23 months old (girl). Both children sustained serious bodily injury due to blunt force trauma. The defendant, who never admitted his guilt, was the only caregiver in custody and control of the children at the time the injuries were sustained. The baby boy died as a result of his injuries, which were complicated by an illness he contracted at the hospital. The girl, now three years old, sustained permanent damage to her brain as a result of the abuse. Mr. Williams had a criminal history. He previously had been convicted of Aggravated Assault of a Public Servant, for which he had been sentenced to three years in prison.

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